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| RE:           | Michael B. FREEMAN et al.   | YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER:              | 09/464,784                         |

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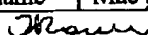
**NOTES/COMMENTS:**

This is a copy of correspondence that was mailed to the UPSTO on October 26, 2001.

Sincerely,




Stephen C. Carlson  
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| In re Application of:   | Michael B. FREEMAN et al. | <br>Examiner: Chow, C.<br>Group Art Unit: 2684 |
| Application Serial No.: | 09/464,784                |   |
| Filing Date:            | December 17, 1999         |   |
| Attorney Docket No.:    | 09710-1004                |   |
| Client Docket No.:      | COS-99-034                |   |

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING CALL BILLING RECORDS  
 DIRECTOR OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
 Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

| FEE CALCULATION  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NO. OF EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 27                                  | MINUS | 27                               | 0                              | \$18 | \$ 0.00           |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 4                                   | MINUS | 4                                | 0                              | \$84 | \$ 0.00           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>July 31, 2001</u> to and through <u>October 26, 2001</u> , for an extension of:<br><input type="checkbox"/> One month (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (\$400) <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (\$920) <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (\$1440) |                                     |       |                                  |                                |      |                   |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE:  |                                     |       |                                  |                                |      | \$ 0.00           |

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Payment of \$ \_\_\_ by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 26, 2001.

  
 Karlyn J. Geiger Date: 10/26/01

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3-4, 7, 9-15, 17-22, and 25-26 by way of replacement as follows.

All pending claims are set forth below, and a marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed in the Appendix.

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for managing call billing records for users of a signaling network operative to carry user calls, comprising: